

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD  
**CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
Case	Date Filed
07-CA-308263	11-18-2022

File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

## 1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT

a. Name of Employer United States Steel Corporation Great Lakes Works Division		b. Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
		c. Cell No.
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) 1 Quality Drive, Ecorse, MI 48229	e. Employer Representative (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	f. Fax No.
		g. e-mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@uss.com
		h. Number of Workers Employed
i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Steel Mill	j. Identify Principal Product or Service Steel	

i. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (3) of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.

## 2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices)

Within the previous six months, the Employer discriminated against employees (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by disciplining, terminating, and/or taking adverse employment actions in retaliation for and in order to discourage protected concerted activities.

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## 3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number)

Local 1299, United Steel Workers (USW)

## 4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)

11424 West Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, MI 48218

## 4b. Tel. No.

(313)334-1063

## 4c. Cell No.

## 4d. Fax No.

## 4e. e-mail

aahunter1299@gmail.com

## 5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization)

## 6. DECLARATION

I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



(signature of representative or person making charge)

Andrea Hunter President

(Print/type name and title or office, if any)

Address: 11424 West Jefferson Ave, River Rouge, MI 48218

Date:

11/18/22

## Tel. No.

(313)334-1063

## Office, if any, Cell No.

## Fax No.

## e-mail

aahunter1299@gmail.com

**WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)**  
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December 6, 2022

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

United States Steel Corporation  
Great Lakes Works Division  
One Quality Drive  
Ecorse, MI 48229

Re: United States Steel Corporation  
Great Lakes Works Division  
Case 07-CA-308263

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

**Investigator:** This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney Patricia A. Fedewa whose telephone number is (313)335-8053. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Field Attorney Mary Beth Foy whose telephone number is (313)335-8055.

**Right to Representation:** You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov), or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Presentation of Your Evidence:** We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

**Preservation of all Potential Evidence:** Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Kerwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Elizabeth Kerwin  
Regional Director

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire



Patricia A. Fedewa

## QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

## CASE NAME

United States Steel Corporation Great Lakes Works Division

## CASE NUMBER

07-CA-308263

## 1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

## 2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify )

## 3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION  
OR FORMATION

B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES

## 4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

## 5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

## 6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

## 7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

## 7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

## 8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES \_\_\_\_\_)

YES

NO

A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount)

☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$250,000 ☐ \$500,000 ☐ \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.

I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

## 11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME

TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TEL. NUMBER

## 12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

SIGNATURE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION  
GREAT LAKES WORKS DIVISION**

Charged Party

and

**LOCAL 1299, UNITED STEEL, PAPER AND  
FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING,  
ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL SERVICE  
WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION (USW),  
AFL-CIO/CLC**

Charging Party

**Case 07-CA-308263**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER**

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on December 6, 2022, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

United States Steel Corporation  
Great Lakes Works Division  
One Quality Drive  
Ecorse, MI 48229

David R. Jury, General Counsel  
United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service  
Workers International Union, AFL-CIO, CLC  
Legal Department  
60 Boulevard of the Allies, Room 807  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1214

Andrea Hunter, President  
Local 1299, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber,  
Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial Service Workers  
International Union (USW), AFL-CIO/CLC  
11424 West Jefferson Avenue  
River Rouge, MI 48218

December 6, 2022

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Date

Carol A. Koper, Designated Agent of  
NLRB

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Name  
/s/ Carol A. Koper

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Signature



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Re: United States Steel Corporation  
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Dear Andrea Hunter:

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fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

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Elizabeth Kerwin  
Regional Director

Enclosure

1. Important Information About NLRB Investigations for Immigrant Workers (English & Spanish)

Copy of charge only sent to:

David R. Jury, General Counsel  
United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber,  
Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial  
and Service Workers International Union,  
AFL-CIO, CLC  
Legal Department  
60 Boulevard of the Allies, Room 807  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1214



## Important Information About NLRB Investigations for Immigrant Workers



**The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) protects most private-sector employees, regardless of their immigration status. The NLRA gives employees the right to:**

- Form, join, or assist a union to negotiate concerning wages and other working conditions.
- Discuss wages and other working conditions with coworkers, a union, a worker center, a government agency, the media, or the public.
- Take collective action with coworkers to try to improve wages and other working conditions.
- Choose not to take part in any of these actions.

**Below is important information for you to know about our confidential investigation process:**

- Because immigration status is not relevant as to whether there has been a violation of the NLRA:
  - We will **NOT** ask you about your immigration status.
  - You **DO NOT** need to share any information with us about your immigration status.
  - You **DO NOT** need to share information about the status of your current/former coworkers.
- We only enforce the NLRA and have **NO** involvement with the enforcement of immigration laws.
- We will **NOT** share any information about you with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or any other immigration authorities, unless you request that we share your information to assist you with seeking immigration relief, as described in the last bulleted point of this document.
- If you have concerns about appearing at our offices for any reason, please speak with the Board Agent assigned to the case about other methods of participating in the investigation, including taking your affidavit outside of our office or by video.
- Our investigations are confidential, which means that we will **NOT** disclose your affidavit to an employer, unless you testify at a trial, or we seek a federal court injunction.
- If you are not comfortable communicating with us in English, we will make an interpreter available to provide assistance and information in your preferred language.
- If you are aware that an employer or union has engaged in any of the following conduct, please tell the Board Agent about it because it may violate the law:

- Threatening to call DHS or ICE or making other similar threats because you or other employees have engaged in union activity or other collective action to improve working conditions.
  - Asking employees to provide new or updated immigration documents/papers or reverifying employees' work authorization without a valid, non-discriminatory reason, which could violate the NLRA or other laws.
- If, at the end of the investigation, we determine there is merit to the charge (the employer or union has violated the law) and we have to litigate the case before an Administrative Law Judge, we will make every effort to prevent the employer or union from asking you about your immigration status.
- If you have filed a charge or are a witness and you or your representative tells us that there is NLRA protected activity at a worksite and immigration relief is necessary to protect employees who are exercising those rights or participating in the NLRB process, the NLRB will consider seeking immigration relief for employees at that worksite including deferred action, parole, U or T visa status, or other relief as available and appropriate. The NLRB cannot provide immigration advice. If you need immigration counsel, a list of providers of free legal services is available here:  
<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>.

**For more information on the NLRB, please visit our website, [www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov).**



## Información Importante Acerca de las Investigaciones de la NLRB para los Trabajadores Inmigrantes



**La Ley Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo (NLRA por sus siglas en inglés) protege a la mayoría de los empleados del sector privado, independientemente de su estatus migratorio.**

**La NLRA les da a los empleados el derecho a:**

- Formar, afiliarse o ayudar a una unión para negociar sobre los salarios y otras condiciones de trabajo.
- Discutir los salarios y otras condiciones de trabajo con los compañeros de trabajo, una unión, un centro de trabajadores, una agencia gubernamental, los medios de comunicación o el público.
- Tomar acciones colectivas con los compañeros de trabajo para tratar de mejorar los salarios y otras condiciones de trabajo.
- Optar por no participar en ninguna de estas acciones.

**A continuación, le presentamos información importante que debe conocer acerca de nuestro proceso de investigación confidencial:**

- Porque el estatus migratorio no es pertinente si ha habido una violación de la NLRA:
  - Nosotros **NO** le preguntaremos sobre su estatus migratorio.
  - Usted **NO NECESITA** compartir ninguna información con nosotros acerca de su estatus migratorio.
  - Usted **NO NECESITA** compartir ninguna información sobre el estatus [migratorio] de sus actuales/antiguos compañeros de trabajo.
- Sólo hacemos cumplir la NLRA y **NO** estamos involucrados en el cumplimiento de las leyes de inmigración.
- **NO** compartimos ninguna información sobre usted con el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS por sus siglas en inglés), incluyendo el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE por sus siglas en inglés) o cualquier otra autoridad de inmigración, a menos que usted solicite que compartamos su información para ayudarlo a buscar alivio migratorio, como se describe en el último punto de este documento.
- Si tiene preocupaciones acerca de presentarse en nuestras oficinas por cualquier razón, por favor hable con el agente de la Junta asignado al caso sobre otras maneras de participar en la investigación, incluyendo tomar su declaración jurada fuera de nuestra oficina o por video.
- Nuestras investigaciones son confidenciales, lo que significa que **NO** divulgaremos su declaración jurada a un empleador, a menos que usted testifique en un juicio, o que busquemos un mandato judicial federal.
- Si no está cómodo/a comunicándose con nosotros en inglés, tendremos un intérprete disponible para proporcionarle asistencia e información en su idioma predilecto.



- Si usted sabe que un empleador o unión ha incurrido en alguna de las siguientes conductas, por favor infórmele al agente de la Junta ya que puede violar la ley:
  - Amenazar con llamar al DHS o al ICE o hacer otras amenazas similares porque usted u otros empleados han participado en actividades sindicales u otras acciones colectivas para mejorar las condiciones de trabajo.
  - Pedir a los empleados que proporcionen documentos/papeles de inmigración nuevos o actualizados o volver a verificar la autorización de trabajo de los empleados sin una razón válida y no discriminatoria, que podría violar la NLRA u otras leyes.
- Si, al final de la investigación, determinamos que el cargo tiene mérito (el empleador o la unión han violado la ley) y tenemos que litigar el caso frente a un Juez de Ley Administrativa, haremos todo lo posible para evitar que el empleador o la unión le pregunten sobre su estatus migratorio.
- Si usted ha presentado un cargo o es un testigo y usted o su representante nos dice que se hay una actividad protegida por la NLRA en un lugar de trabajo y que es necesario un alivio migratorio para proteger a los empleados que están ejerciendo esos derechos o participando en el proceso de la Junta Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo (NLRB por sus siglas en ingles), la NLRB considerará la posibilidad de buscar un alivio migratorio para los empleados en ese lugar de trabajo, incluyendo la acción diferida, la libertad condicional, visas U o T u otro alivio en la medida en que esté disponible y sea apropiado. La NLRB no puede proporcionar asesoramiento de inmigración. Si necesita asesoramiento de inmigración, una lista de proveedores de servicios legales sin costo se encuentra disponible aquí (en inglés): <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>.

**Para más información acerca de la NLRB, por favor visite nuestra página web, [www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov).**



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Great Lakes Works Division  
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Ecorse, MI 48229

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Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy,  
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United States Steel Corporation  
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Re: United States Steel Corporation Great  
Lakes Works Division  
Case 07-CA-308263

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Ms. Hunter and Mr. Duff:

The Region has carefully considered the charge alleging that United States Steel Corporation Great Lakes Works Division violated the National Labor Relations Act. As explained below, I have decided that further proceedings on the charge should be handled in accordance with the deferral policy of the National Labor Relations Board as set forth in *Collyer Insulated Wire*, 192 NLRB 837 (1971), and *United Technologies Corp.*, 268 NLRB 557 (1984). This letter explains that deferral policy, the reasons for my decision to defer further processing of the charge, and the Charging Party's right to appeal my decision.

**Deferral Policy:** The Board's deferral policy provides that the Board will postpone making a final determination on a charge when a grievance involving the same issue can be processed under the grievance/arbitration provision of the applicable contract. This policy is partially based on the preference that the parties use their contractual grievance procedure to achieve a prompt, fair, and effective settlement of their disputes. Therefore, if an employer agrees to waive contractual time limits and process the related grievance through arbitration if necessary, the Board's Regional Office will defer the charge.

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**Decision to Defer:** Based on our investigation, I am deferring further proceedings on the charge in this matter to the grievance/arbitration process for the following reasons:

1. The Employer and Local 1299, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial Service Workers International Union (USW), AFL-CIO/CLC have a collective-bargaining agreement currently in effect that provides for final and binding arbitration.

2. The allegations that the Employer violated Section 8(a)(1) and (3) of the Act by discriminating against employees (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by suspending and discharging (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022, failing to train (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) since (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022, directing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to work overtime in about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022 and assigning onerous work to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022 are encompassed by the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

3. The Employer is willing to process a grievance concerning the issues in the charge and will arbitrate the grievance if necessary. The Employer has also agreed to waive any time limitations in order to ensure that the arbitrator addresses the merits of the dispute.

4. Since the issues in the charge appear to be covered by provisions of the collective-bargaining agreement, it is likely that the issues may be resolved through the grievance/arbitration procedure.

**Further Processing of the Charge:** As explained below, while the charge is deferred, the Regional office will monitor the processing of the grievance and, under certain circumstances, will resume processing of the charge.

*Charging Party's Obligation:* Under the Board's *Collyer* deferral policy, the Charging Party has an affirmative obligation to file a grievance, if a grievance has not already been filed. If the Charging Party fails either to promptly submit the grievance to the grievance/arbitration process or declines to have the grievance arbitrated if it is not resolved, I may dismiss the charge.

*Charged Party's Conduct:* If the Charged Party prevents or impedes resolution of the grievance, raises a defense that the grievance is untimely filed, or refuses to arbitrate the grievance, I will revoke deferral and resume processing of the charge.

*Monitoring the Dispute:* Approximately every 90 days, the Regional Office will ask the parties about the status of this dispute to determine if the dispute has been resolved and if continued deferral is appropriate. However, at any time, a party may present evidence and request dismissal of the charge, continued deferral of the charge, or issuance of a complaint.

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*Notice to Arbitrator Form:* If the grievance is submitted to an arbitrator, please sign and submit to the arbitrator the enclosed “Notice to Arbitrator” form to ensure that the Region receives a copy of an arbitration award when the arbitrator sends the award to the parties.

*Review of Arbitrator’s Award or Settlement:* If the grievance is arbitrated or settled, the Charging Party may ask the Board to review the arbitrator’s award or settlement. The request must be in writing and addressed to me. If the request concerns an arbitrator’s award, the request should analyze whether the arbitration process was fair and regular, whether the unfair labor practice allegations in the charge were considered by the arbitrator, and whether the award is consistent with the Act. Further guidance on this review is provided in *Spielberg Manufacturing Company*, 112 NLRB 1080 (1955) and *Olin Corp.*, 268 NLRB 573 (1984). If the request concerns a grievance settlement, see *Alpha Beta*, 273 NLRB 1546 (1985). These Board decisions are available on our website, [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov).

*Change in Standards if Parties Agree to Submit Statutory Issue to Arbitrator:* If during the processing of the grievance the parties agree to authorize the arbitrator to decide the statutory issue, please advise me in writing.

**Charging Party’s Right to Appeal:** The Charging Party may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals.

**Means of Filing:** You must file your appeal electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible. Written instructions for the NLRB’s E-Filing system and the Terms and Conditions of the NLRB’s E-Filing policy are available at [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov). See [User Guide](#). A video demonstration which provides [step-by-step instructions](#) and frequently asked questions are also available at [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov). If you require additional assistance with E-Filing, please contact [E-Filing@nlrb.gov](mailto:E-Filing@nlrb.gov).

You are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect. If you cannot file electronically, please send the appeal and your written explanation of why you cannot file electronically to the **General Counsel** at the **National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me. The main telephone number for the Office of Appeals is **(202)273-3760**.

The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. The Office of Appeals will not process faxed or emailed appeals.

**Appeal Due Date:** The appeal is due on **June 21, 2023**. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency’s website must be completed **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a

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delivery service no later than June 20, 2023. **If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely.** If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

**Extension of Time to File Appeal:** The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is **received on or before June 21, 2023.** The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov), by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after June 21, 2023, **even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date.** Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

**Confidentiality:** We will not honor requests to limit our use of appeal statements or evidence. Upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by a party during the processing of an appeal, the Agency's FOIA Branch discloses appeal statements, redacted for personal privacy, confidential source protection, or other applicable FOIA exemptions. In the event the appeal is sustained, any statement or material submitted may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Kerwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Elizabeth Kerwin  
Regional Director

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Enclosures



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD  
**NOTICE TO ARBITRATOR**

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Arbitrator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

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NLRB Case Number  
**07-CA-308263**

NLRB Case Name: United States Steel Corporation Great Lakes Works Division

A determination has been made by the Regional Director of Region 07 of the National Labor Relations Board to administratively defer to arbitration the further processing of the NLRB charge in the above matter. Further, both parties to the NLRB case have agreed to proceed to arbitration before you in order to resolve the dispute underlying the NLRB charge.

So that the Regional Director can be promptly informed of the status of the arbitration, the undersigned hereby requests that a copy of the arbitration award be sent to Regional Director, Region 07, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, Detroit, MI 48226 at the same time that it is sent to the parties in the arbitration.

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(Name)

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(Title)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

**APPEAL FORM**

To: General Counsel  
Attn: Office of Appeals  
National Labor Relations Board  
1015 Half Street SE  
Washington, DC 20570-0001

Date:

I am appealing the action of the Regional Director in deferring the charge in

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Case Name(s).

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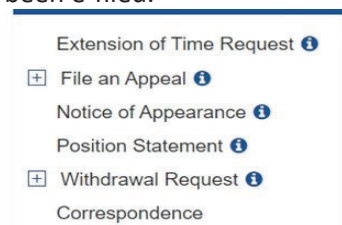
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*(Signature)*

## E-FILING TO APPEALS

1. **Extension of Time:** This document is used when the Charging Party is asking for more time to efile an Appeal.
  - If an Extension of Time is e-filed, and there are additional documents to be e-filed simultaneously with it, please e-file those documents under the selection **Correspondence**.
  - After an Extension of Time has already been e-filed, any **additional** materials to add to the Extension of Time should be e-filed under **Correspondence**.
2. **File an Appeal:** If the Charging Party does not agree with the Region's decision on the case, an Appeal can be e-filed.
  - Only **one (1) Appeal** can be e-filed to **each** determination in the Region's decision letter that is received.
  - After an Appeal has been e-filed, any **additional** materials to add to the Appeal should be e-filed under **Correspondence**.
3. **Notice of Appearance:** Either party can e-file a Notice of Appearance if there is a new counsel representing one side or a different counsel.
  - This document is only e-filed with the Office of Appeals after a decision has been made by the Region.
  - This document can be e-filed **before** an Appeal is e-filed.
4. **Correspondence:** Parties will **select** Correspondence when adding documents or supplementing the Appeal or Extension of Time.
  - Correspondence is used to e-file documents **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal or Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.
5. **Position Statement:** The Charging Party or Charged Party may e-file a Position Statement.
  - The Charging Party will e-file this document as a supplement of the Appeal.
  - The Charged Party will specifically file one to support the Region's decision.
  - This document should be e-filed **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal or Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.
6. **Withdrawal Request:** If the Charging Party decides to no longer pursue their appeal, he/she can e-file a Withdrawal Request to the Office of Appeals.
  - This document should be e-Filed **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal or Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.



7. The selections of **Evidence** or **Other** should no longer be used.
8. If you need to contact the Office of Appeals, please call **(202)273-3760**.